

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image-forming system comprising an object [,] and a multi-element magnifying optical path ~~and~~ including focal length varying means ~~for addition, adjustment or removal of one or more elements in~~ comprising an optical element, switchable into and out of the optical path in order to vary the ~~a~~ distance between a viewer's eye and the system, at which distance the ~~a~~ magnified object ~~can be viewed~~ is viewable, without varying a direction in which the system is viewed.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A system according to claim [2] l, wherein ~~said optical element of the~~ focal length varying means comprises ~~means for moving~~ a flat aspherical ~~fresnel~~ Fresnel lens switchable into and out of the optical path.

Claims 4-13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein the object is light-emissive.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A system according to claim 14, wherein the object is arranged to emit polarized light.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein the object is light-reflective.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein a polarizer is located between the object and the optical path.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein the optical path comprises, in order, a curved beamsplitter, a first quarter wave plate, a planar beamsplitter, a second quarter-wave plate and a linear polarizer.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein the optical path comprises, in order, a holographic analogue of a curved beamsplitter, a first quarter wave plate, a planar beamsplitter, a second quarter-wave plate and a linear polarizer.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein light emitted from the object is collimated.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A system according to claim 3, wherein the object is light-emissive and arranged to emit polarized light.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A system according to claim 3, wherein the object is light-reflective.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A system according to claim 3, wherein a polarizer is located between the object and the optical path.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A system according to claim 3, wherein the optical path comprises, in order, a curved beamsplitter or a holographic analogue of a curved beamsplitter, a first quarter wave plate, a planar beamsplitter, a second quarter-wave plate and a linear polarizer.

Claim 25-27 (canceled).